

Gairloch High School Parent Council
AGM
Tuesday 8th September 2020

Minutes

Present: Vanessa Quinn, Julie Brady, Debbie Dillon, Wim Chalmet, Emma Smith, Bob McKenzie, Lucy Cairney, Angela Rae, Ian Davis, Adrian Telfer, Lucy Griffin, Deborah Leigh-Williams, Fiona MacKenzie, Maria Leslie, Kate MacRae, Chris Hildrey, Maisie Baptist, Lucy Hildrey

Apologies: Gerry & Christine Baptist, Stuart Smith, Stuart Caddell

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1 Minutes from last year's AGM

Approved as an accurate record of the meeting. Angela Rae proposed and Julie Brady seconded.

2 Chairs Report

The Parent Council organized the Christmas Fayre which was a great success, special thanks to Julie and Debbie

We have met regularly with the School Management Team, to discuss items of school policy and have been actively involved in school improvement.

We started a campaign for a baseline of teachers for GHS, as we feel that due to the rigid and punitive staffing formula of the Highland Council, the excellent attainment of GHS is under threat. Letters were sent to the educational Committee, MPs, Education Minister and press with the support of former students/teachers and the wider Gairloch community. Unfortunately, due to Covid, this all came to a hold. Once we establish clarity as to the situation at the school, we plan to progress this issue.

During lockdown I attended several virtual meeting with the Highland Parent Council, Parent Council Scotland and Q&A session with John Swinney Education Minister regarding reopening of our schools.

The Parent Council is again providing amazon vouchers worth £240 to pupils who succeed each term in the merit system. These are presented at success assemblies rather than waiting until prizegiving.

The PC also contributed to First Aid Course and paid for climbing books.

Members of the PC regularly attended school assemblies and we were also involved in this year's successful career day (we provided refreshments and biscuits) organized by DYW which saw participation by many businesses and organisations from the local community.

Plans for 2020/21

- Continue to work closely with the school to discuss school improvement and the management of Schools agenda plus:
- Organise another Christmas fayre
- Organise an open day in the summer term – whole school fundraiser
- Set up regular dates where parents can opt in to help in gardening and landscaping of outdoor learning spaces,
- provide baking and refreshments at events
- Attend Assemblies

3 Treasurers Report

The current balance is £1951.29 which is a much stronger position than last year thanks to a few very successful fund raising events, the most profitable being the Christmas Fayre.

£84 was given to the school to provide climbing log books.

£254 was paid out for the first aid course.

There are no outstanding funds in or out.

A copy of the audited 18/19 accounts are attached to these minutes. The 19/20 accounts will be audited at the end of October and will be circulated when available.

4 Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members

Chair person: Vanessa Quinn – Proposed: Angela Rae/ Seconded: Fiona MacKenzie

Treasurer: Julie Brady – Proposed: Debbie Dillon/ Seconded: Vanessa Quinn – It was agreed that Julie would continue as treasurer as a co-opted member of the Parent Council.

Secretary: Debbie Dillon – Proposed: Vanessa Quinn/ Seconded: Julie Brady

Committee Members were agreed as those attending the meeting:

Adrian Telfer, Lucy Griffin, Angela Rae, Chris Hildrey, Deborah Leigh-Williams, Fiona MacKenzie, Bob MacKenzie, Ian Davis, Lucy Cairney, Maria Leslie, Christine Baptist, Gerry Baptist, Stuart Smith, Kate MacRae

New committee members were requested to provide their email details to the school office so that they could be forwarded to the Secretary for inclusion in the contact list.